

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., Sep. 9th, 1879.

Sir:

Your communication of the 6th instant in regard to purchasing planchets for the coinage of Φ pieces has been received.

In directing the coinage of \$50,000 bronze Φ pieces as soon as practicable I did not intend to urge its immediate coinage.

In the months of June and July last nearly as many one cent pieces were coined as during either the years 1877 or 1878, and the coinage of the past fiscal year amounted to over \$97,000.

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As it has, and I expect that the pressure at your Mint for the coinage of the Standard dollar will be relieved by increased coinage at other Mints. Should this be the case you will then, doubtless, be able to do all the work in your mint, including the preparation of the metal, as well as the coinage of the one cent pieces, which seems to have been intended by the coinage act, and to be preferable when practicable.

Section 3528, of the Revised Statutes requires the purchase of metal for the minor coinage by Public Advertisement, and the provision would apply to its purchase in the form of planchets as well as in ingots.

Considerable time will elapse before bids can be awarded and planchets obtained from outside manufacturers.

However if you will inform me the estimates that are made by your Melted and Refiner, the cost of the Planchets prepared in the Mint, and send me also, the offer of the firm you mention who propose to furnish the planchets, I will, unless your future allotment for the coinage of Standard Dollars is reduced, cause an advertisement to be prepared for the planchets if it seems preferable to do so.

Very respectfully,

A. Loudon Snowden Esq, Treasurer
U.S. Mint Philadelphia.

Director

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Washington D.C.

Sept 9. 1879

Horatio F. Burchard.

If the amount of
Coinage Standard
Silver dollar at the Phil-
mint be not reduced
by increased coinage at
other mints, will cause
an advertisement to be
prepared for 14 planchets
under \$3528. R. S.

\$50,000, in 14 pieces
not intended to be coined
immediately; but as the
mint could conveniently
do it?

Recd - Sept. 11th 1879.

[Abstract:] If the amount of coinage of standard silver dollar at the Phila. Mint...

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Horatio C. Burchard
Director

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.
Supt. Mint Philadelphia